

FESTIVAL PROGRAMME

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One of the most historic towns in Ireland, for many years Donaghadee was one of the main ports of entry to the Island and the town still boasts several buildings dating from this period.

Today, the town has a wide range of independent retailers, coffee shops and restaurants which have given the town a well-deserved reputation for being a wonderful place to live and a great day-trip destination. If visiting the town please do take time to explore. Many traders have special offers during the festival – watch out for the ‘Fiver fest’ offer

In the following pages this brochure sets out the various events making up the Festival but there are other events across the summer period which you may wish to attend. These include:-

- 15th July** Clokey Cup Open Golf Competition at Donaghadee Golf Club. Valuable prizes. Contact 9188 3624 for more information
- 16-17 July** Ulster Under 16 Open Golf Championship at Donaghadee Golf Club. Come and see some of the best young golfers in Ireland.
- 25-27 July** CSSM Bible Club at Shore Street Church. Registration forms will be available through schools or email peter@shorestreet.org
- 17 August** Acoustic Café – The event on 3rd August during the festival will be repeated
- 18 August** Living History and Cultural Day at Lemons Wharf from 12.00 to 4.00pm. Featuring Ulster Scots Music, Irish Dancing, Traditional Craft Displays, Historical Re-enactors and Bouncy Castles.
- 8th Sept** Donaghadee Lights Up – an outdoor concert with Brian Kennedy and Eddi Reader. Further details from Ards & North Down Borough Council Telephone 9127 0069



FIVER FEST

When shopping, dining or quenching your thirst during the festival, keep an eye out for the special promotions offered by many of our retailers under the banner of ‘Fiver Fest’.



Date	Event / Organiser	Location / Time	Description
Each day of the Festival	Town Walking Tour <i>'Dee Tours</i>	Kelly's Steps, Harbour <i>2pm each day</i>	Meet at the harbour for a conducted tour of Donaghadee's rich history and heritage.
Saturday 28 th July	Lifeboat Day <i>Donaghadee Lifeboat</i>	Harbour Area & Lemon's Wharf <i>11am – 4pm</i>	A wide range of activities with stalls and children's rides on the harbour; raft race at 11.45; an opportunity to visit the lighthouse from noon (due to health and safety this is restricted to over 10's only); visit the lifeboat from 2pm and watch an RNLI exercise at 1pm. <i>Sponsored by Maxol, Hightrees</i>
	Human Fruit Machine <i>Rotary Club of Donaghadee</i>	Harbour <i>11am – 4pm</i>	Family fun – entertaining game with crazy helpers and fruit machine noises using real apples, pears and bananas. All proceeds to RNLI.
	Town Cup Sailing <i>Donaghadee Sailing Club</i>	Bay Area <i>From 2pm</i>	Racing for all dinghy classes and day boats in the bay. First race 2pm and racing throughout the afternoon.
	Family Dog Show <i>Donaghadee Community Development Association</i>	Kenny Gardens <i>12pm – 4.30pm</i>	A doggie fun event in aid of Gun Dog Rescue NI. All breeds of dogs welcome with a wide variety of classes including dog handling, waggy tail, best tricks, and best groomed. There will also be a demonstration by PC Bob. Bring your dog along on the day and join in the fun.
Sunday 29 th July	Sasha of the Sea <i>Cinemagic</i>	Harbour & Co <i>7pm – 10pm</i>	A special showing of Cinemagic's award winning short film, shot in Donaghadee and was shown at Newport Beach Film Festival in California. An inspiring story of teenage bravery, love, growing up and friendship. Screening at 7pm, 8pm, 9pm and 10pm.
Monday 30 th July	Rhythm and Rhyme <i>Donaghadee Library</i>	Library <i>10.30am – 11am</i>	Rhymes, songs and stories for the under 4's (accompanied by an adult please).
	Nordic Walking <i>A&ND Borough Council</i>	Community Centre/ Commons <i>11am – Noon</i>	4 session Nordic Walking course from 11am – noon each day. Ski poles supplied if required. 18yrs of age and above. Pre-registration essential. See posters for details.
	Messy Church <i>First Presbyterian Church</i>	Church Hall <i>6:30pm – 8pm</i>	Bible Stories, Songs, Craft and much more! Fun for all the family!
Tuesday 31 st July	RNLI Talk for Families <i>RNLI</i>	Library	Enjoy a fun interactive workshop delivered by the RNLI on sea, beach, and inland water safety. Suitable for families with children 7 years and older. Pre-booking essential – Tel. 028 9188 2507 or donaghadee.library@librariesni.org.uk .
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Wednesday 1st August	Science Busking <i>W5</i>	Lemon's Wharf 11am – 2pm	W5 are bringing a pop-up science stand and will demonstrate some favourite science tricks. Visitors can come and go as they please, the experiments & demonstrations are very simple, and children are welcome to take an active part in them.
	Hugo Duncan Show <i>BBC</i>	Lemon's Wharf <i>from 1.30pm</i>	Uncle Hugo comes to Donaghadee with his show being broadcast live on the BBC.
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	Band Concert <i>Harbour Star Band</i>	Lemon's Wharf <i>7pm – 8pm</i>	Enjoy an hour listening to Donaghadee's very own Harbour Star Band playing well known tunes.
	An Evening of Donaghadee Poetry <i>Donaghadee Heritage Preservation Company</i>	Bridewell <i>Starts 7.30pm</i>	An evening of poetry about the 'Dee. Poems by local poets of years ago, including Johnny Moore and William Thompson. Enjoy a coffee and listen to poetry read by well-known locals including Wm. Thompson's grandson Mark Thompson. Tickets £5 available from Bridewell or www.donaghadeeheritage.com . Proceeds in aid of the Sir Samuel Kelly Project.
	'Dee Busketeers	Pier 36 <i>8pm – 11pm</i>	Popular local group play jazz favourites.
Thursday 2nd August	All our Yesterdays <i>Donaghadee Historical Society</i>	Methodist Church Hall <i>11am – 4.30pm</i>	A display of information about the schools, churches, and organisations from years ago in the Donaghadee. North Down & Ards Family History Group will help start your family tree.
Friday 3rd August	Nordic Walking <i>A&ND Borough Council</i>	Community Centre/ Commons <i>11am to Noon</i>	4 session Nordic Walking course from 11am – noon each day. Ski poles supplied if required. 18yrs of age and above. Pre-registration essential. See posters for details.
	Operation Elsewhere <i>A&ND Borough Council</i>	Community Centre <i>12.30 – 7.15</i>	Operation Elsewhere is an interactive quest set in the town. Teams of 4 to 8 people (must include at least 1 responsible adult) encounter unforgettable characters and uncover a series of clues to complete the quest. Involves walking and takes around 1 hour. Price £10 per team. Pre-booking essential - contact Ards Arts Centre 9181 0803.
	Story Time for Families	Library From 3pm	Stories for all the family.

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Friday 3rd August <i>(cont)</i>	All our Yesterdays <i>Donaghadee Historical Society</i>	Methodist Church Hall 11am – 7.30pm	A display of information about the schools, churches, and organisations from years ago in Donaghadee. North Down & Ards Family History Group will help start your family tree.
	Crommelin Wood Clean-up & BBQ <i>Donaghadee Community Development Association</i>	Crommelin Wood Meet on former hockey pitch at 6.30pm	Volunteers of all ages are needed to help tidy up the woodland and help make it a litter free area. Protective gloves and litter picks provided. Barbecued food and other surprise gifts for full (ish) litter bags. . We need your help so come along and make this a fun event and a worthwhile community festival initiative <i>Sponsored by Bow Bells & J Wright & Son Butchers</i>
	Acoustic Café <i>Shore St Presbyterian Church</i>	Various (see right)	Bow Bells, Dee-Licious, Home Sweet Home, Recaf&ate, Slice of Heaven, The Bridewell and The Dinner Bell will be open for you with live music capturing your favourite songs from the 60's right up through the years. Four cafes will be open each evening – look out for flyers and posters for details of times and venues
Saturday 4th August	Horse Relay <i>Gransha Equestrian Centre</i>	Foreshore From 9:30am	A horse relay race on the beach as teams take their horses over a series of jumps. Pony rides from 9am – 10.30am with relay starting at 10.30am. Free Donaghadee promotional gifts while stocks last, from 9.30am. <i>Sponsored by Pier 36</i>
	Coffee Morning <i>First Presbyterian Church</i>	1st Presbyterian Church Hall 10am – 12noon	Tea/Coffee with a scone or traybake for £3.00 in aid of Connect Christian Counselling
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	Tom Blower Memorial Swim <i>Irish Long Distance Swimming Association</i>	Harbour Register at the Sailing Club from 3pm	A swimming event in the harbour at 4pm to commemorate Tom Blower becoming the first person to swim the North Channel 71 years ago.
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	Fun for Kids <i>Enjoy Entertainments</i>	Lemon's Wharf	An afternoon of fun for children starting at noon. Bouncy Castle, face painting, puppet show, magic show and other fun attractions. Tea, coffee and donuts available.

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Saturday 4th August	Regatta <i>Donaghadee Sailing Club</i>	Bay Area <i>From 10:30am</i>	Local dinghy racing starts at 10:40. Followed by the full Regatta series starting at 13:15. Racing throughout the afternoon with afternoon tea served in the clubhouse approx 16:30. Bar open from lunch time , live entertainment
	Widows' Paradise <i>2nd Skin Theatre Company</i>	Parish Church Hall <i>From 6:45pm, curtain up 7:30pm</i>	A strictly women only holiday in a 'luxury caravan' on the Ards Peninsula takes an unexpected turn when a case of mistaken caravan identity lands men in their paradise. Admission free with a voluntary retiring collection.
Sunday 5th August	Island Picnic <i>Open House</i>	Harbour/ Copeland Island <i>3pm – 7pm</i>	Bring your own picnic and enjoy musical entertainment on the front lawn of Uncle Ronnie Brown on the Copeland Island. Boat departs 3pm and 3.45 returning at 6pm and 6.45pm. Reservations essential, book at Open House 028 9147 1780.
	Supercar Cavalcade <i>Driven Club</i>	Town Centre & Harbour <i>From 1:45pm</i>	Ferraris, Porches, Lamborghinis and other supercars will assemble on the hard shoulder opposite Mullaghbuoy Nursing home at 1.45pm before driving through the town and parking on the harbour for viewing by the public. <i>Sponsored by County Hardware</i>
	Teddy Bears Picnic <i>Country Kids & Donaghadee Community Development Association</i>	Crommelin Wood <i>2.30pm – 5pm</i>	Young children can bring their teddy bear into the Crommelin Wood (the Walks) for an afternoon of storytelling and fun, including face-painting. Bring your own picnic food and also something to sit on. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Admission free.
Monday 6th August	Rhythm and Rhyme	Library <i>10.30am – 11am</i>	Rhymes, songs and stories for the under 4's (accompanied by an adult please).
	Nordic Walking <i>A&ND Borough Council</i>	Community Centre/ Commons <i>11am – Noon</i>	4 session Nordic Walking course from 11 am – noon each day. Ski poles supplied if required. 18yrs of age and above. Pre-registration essential. See posters for details.
Tuesday 7th August	Go-ON More on the IPAD <i>Go-On NI</i>	Library 10.30am – 12.30pm	Go On allows people to enhance their computer skills by help in doing everyday tasks with their IPAD. This event is free but pre-booking is essential. Telephone 9188 2507 or donaghadee.library@librariesni.org.uk
	Aquathon <i>Peninsula Triathlon Club</i>	Sailing Club <i>Register from 6pm</i>	A 750m swim across the harbour and a 5k run. Wetsuits compulsory. <i>Sponsored by Harbour & Co.</i>

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Wednesday 8th August	5k Run <i>Dee Runners</i>	Harbour and Commons <i>Starts 7.30pm</i>	Donaghadee 5k around the commons and lighthouse. Register at https://online.athleticsni.org/ps/event/Donaghadee5k For further info please check out the Donaghadee 5k Facebook page or email runninginthedee@gmail.com
	'Dee Basketeers	Pier 36 <i>8pm – 11pm</i>	Popular local group play jazz favourites.
	Fish and Sips <i>Open House</i>	Harbour & Co	A 5 course feast of seafood and wine. Reservations essential, book at Open House 028 9147 1780.
Thursday 9th August	Walking Treasure Hunt and BBQ <i>Rotary Club of Donaghadee</i>	Sailing Club <i>Commences at 6.30pm</i>	A fun night for all the family with a walking treasure hunt around the town (should last about an hour) followed by a BBQ. Tickets £2.
	Classic Car Cavalcade <i>Donaghadee Community Development Association & MG Car Club</i>	Town Centre & Harbour	Cars from yesteryear will assemble on the hard shoulder opposite Mullaghbuoy Nursing home from 7pm before driving through the town and parking on the harbour for viewing by the public at 7.30pm. <i>Sponsored by Ian Glasgow Car Sales</i>
Friday 10th August	Nordic Walking <i>A&ND Borough Council</i>	Community Centre/ Commons <i>11am to noon</i>	4 session Nordic Walking course from 11 am – noon each day. Ski poles supplied if required. 18yrs of age and above. Pre-registration essential. See posters for details.
	Motorcycle Run	Marina Car Park <i>Assemble 6:30pm to leave at 7pm</i>	Motorcycles old and new will assemble at the Marina Car Park for a run round the Ards Peninsula and returning to the Car Park for supper. Classic cars also welcome. Entry £5 per person in aid of the RNLI. Registration forms available from RNLI shop, Donaghadee or contact D. Cochrane dcochrane54@gmail.com or tel 07792986070. <i>Sponsored by Bow Bells and J. Devonport Butcher</i>
	Charity Bowls Match <i>Bowling Club</i>	Bowling Green	Donaghadee Cricket Club have challenged Donaghadee Bowling Club to a game of bowls starting at 6.30pm. There will be a collection for the MS Society.
Saturday 11th August	Football Coaching <i>Donaghadee Football Club</i>	Crommelin Park <i>10am to noon</i>	Soccer coaching by IFA qualified coaches. Open to boys and girls born in any year from 2006 - 2012. Registration 30 mins before the start ie 9.30am. Charge - £3 each.

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Saturday 11th August <i>(cont)</i>	Thunderaction BMX <i>Donaghadee Community Development Association</i>	Lemon's Wharf <i>Starts at noon</i>	This is sure to be a spectacular event as some of the top BMX riders from across the UK and Ireland showcase their skills on a variety of ramps etc. There will also be a scooter session and youngsters in attendance can learn from the professional riders in coaching classes between shows.
	Summer Vintage Tea & Celebration of Art <i>Shore Street Presbyterian Church</i>	Church Hall <i>2.30pm – 4.30pm</i>	Enjoy art and photography by local people and meet the artists and photographers. Live music, a photo booth, poetry corner, story corner and painting for kids, pebble art, an Ice-Cream Parlour, tea/coffee and cakes and loads more. Admission Free.
	Highland Games <i>Irish Strength Association</i>	Lemons Warf foreshore <i>from 5pm</i>	Some of the strongest men in Ireland compete in a variety of tests of endurance, strength and agility including tossing the caber, wrestling and carrying weights. The event will conclude with an attempt to break the Viking Husefell Stone Carry World Record.
	Military Display <i>Army / Meadowbank Social Club</i>	Harbour <i>10am – 3pm</i>	Military display of army vehicles.
	Coastal Rowing <i>Donaghadee Coastal Rowing Club & South Briggs Coastal Rowing Club.</i>	Bay Area <i>10am – 2pm</i>	Featuring St Ayles Skiff races between local clubs Also "Give it a Row" sessions where members of the public can try their hand at coastal rowing.
	Party at the Pier <i>Donaghadee Community Development Association</i>	Lemon's Wharf <i>From 7:30pm</i>	Music from exciting hard-hitting soul/funkensemble Velvet Alibi gets things underway with local DJ, Dylan McKee from Blast106, performing his set from 9.00pm. <i>Sponsored by the Captains Table</i>
	Fireworks Display <i>Donaghadee Community Development Association</i>	Harbour <i>9:45pm</i>	Spectacular fireworks display on the North Pier. Viewing will be available all along the Shorefront. <i>Sponsored by John Minnis Estate Agents</i>
Sunday 12th August	Artisan's Market <i>Donaghadee Community Development Association</i>	Lemon's Wharf <i>10am – 5pm</i>	The Artisan's market features a wide range of local food producers.
	Painting Competition <i>Donaghadee Community Development Association</i>	Shorefront <i>10am to 6pm</i>	Amateur artists are invited to come along from 10am and take a spot along the shorefront to paint the view. Prize fund of Vouchers totalling £200. Entry is free with judging at 5.30pm <i>Sponsored by Eason Bangor</i>
	Street Magic <i>Donaghadee Community Development Association</i>	Shorefront <i>2pm and 4pm</i>	Rodd Hogg, one of the most sought after professional magicians in the country, will be mingling with the public on the shorefront. A member of the Magic Circle he has appeared on TV, most memorably in his hit Sky TV Show 'The Irish Magician'.